

NEED STRONG PROOF.

How Colored Men Are Kept Out of the Democratic Party in Carolina.

TEN WHITES TO VOUCH FOR THEM.

Toronto Councilmen Investigating Local Street Railways.

BATCH OF TALKS ON CURRENT TOPICS

Bishop Arnet, of the A. M. E. Church in South Carolina and Florida, was at the Union depot last evening, going home.

He had been to Xenia to see his family. Several years ago the Bishop was a member of the Ohio Legislature, and was the most prominent colored man in the State.

He will take a great deal of interest in politics. "The Southern Republicans will undoubtedly support Harrison," said the Bishop.

"The President has treated the colored people very well, and he is popular with them. Former administrations followed the rule of giving the office to the big fellows to dispose of it. Harrison has attended to the distribution of the patronage himself and he has given the blacks a good show.

Colored Men Will Be for Harrison. In Key West and Pensacola colored people are employed extensively by the Government. Under the circumstances a solid delegation is sure to come up from the South for the President.

Hill made a number of friends on his Southern trip, but it remains to be seen what they will do for him. The masses of the Democracy are howling for Cleveland. I think, however, that Hill will capture some of the delegates.

There is a sample of how the Democrats are trying to keep down the colored people in South Carolina. Recently the leaders made a rule that no colored man should be given an office unless he could produce ten white fellows to swear that he voted the Democratic ticket since 1876.

This is a rule that they do not want people in their party, and they can't have anything. It is impossible to get ten men to swear that a colored voter cast his ballot with the Democrats for that length of time.

Colored Democrats in the South. "Still there are some colored Democrats in the South. As a rule there are several colored members of the Legislature from Charleston. Our people are improving rapidly. I can always tell how much by studying their social life. When a man produces a home, puts shoes on his children, and sends them to school, it is a sure sign that he is growing better.

If the negroes are left alone and given a chance, they will work out their own salvation. The Bishop is working a great deal of time to school work. The denomination is building a college to educate the blacks, and has 25 schools under his supervision in South Carolina and Florida.

WORK FOR EVERYBODY.

A Chicago Man Says More Men Are Needed in the Construction of the Fair.

H. H. Hill, an extensive manufacturer of Chicago, was in Pittsburgh last night. He has been a great traveler in Europe as well as in this country, and in consequence he is a well-informed and interesting talker on general subjects of the day.

Speaking of the progress of the World's Fair he said: "Nothing has ever been constructed on such an elaborate and extensive plan as this great institution where something will be a miniature Venice. The principal mode of traffic will be by boats or gondolas of picturesque pattern through the water channels or water thoroughfares. I understand three-fourths of the structural iron comes from Pittsburgh, and every building will be built to stay, no temporary affairs, to be pulled down like the Centennial after the exhibit closes. You would be surprised at the influx of people to Chicago, and it is a census were to be taken that the population would greatly exceed New York."

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A MISTAKE IN TIME.

The Christian Era Lacking Four Years and Six Days.

"To-morrow is the eighteenth hundred and sixti-second anniversary of our Lord's Resurrection, which event is believed to have taken place in the 34th year of His age, and reckoned in our common era, places it in the 30th year of His age," said Mr. W. A. Miller yesterday.

"Our present system of reckoning time has been introduced in the year 532 A. D., which ten centuries afterward was found to be erroneous and lacking four years of the true period; but to alter the system, which had then been adopted by nearly the whole of Europe for a decade, would cause great confusion in both civil and ecclesiastical affairs. The error was, however, by general consent, allowed to remain, and has continued our year as 1892 instead of 1896, lacking four years and six days of the real Christian era, making this the 23d day of April, 1896, and up to noon to-day the pendulum keeping correct time, would have ticked 50,843,102,400 seconds in that time."

CHAT WITH AN EX-JUDGE.

Oakley Johnson Says West Virginians Will Be Democratic as Usual.

Oakley Johnson, of Charleston, ex-Judge of the West Virginia Supreme Court, put up at the Monongahela House yesterday. Since he retired from the bench he has been practicing law. He came to the city to see E. M. Hukill about some law business. The Judge is a rampant Democrat, and laughs at the old Republican cry that the party will carry the State next fall. He says the Democrats have always made this claim, but they never succeeded. The Judge does not think that Steve Elkins will run for Governor. He thinks that the Republican nominee will be John Thompson, of Putnam county. He is a farmer, and Mr. Johnson says he has not much strength. The Farmers' Alliance is not cutting much of a figure in the State.

WEST VIRGINIA FOR BEM.

Democrat's Afloat Steve Elkins Will Be Nominated for Governor.

James Henderson, a West Virginia Republican, was in the city yesterday. He claims the Democrats of the State are at a loss to select a candidate for Governor out of the long list of names presented. Every county of the State is pushing the claims of a favorite son, and there are several aspirants from Wheeling. Among them are White and McCorkle. The Democrats are very much afraid that the Republicans will nominate Steve Elkins. They have a wholesome respect for his pocket book and ability. The chances are that the Democratic nomination will not be made until after the Republican Convention is held.

Mr. Henderson says they have settled

PLEASD WITH THE P., A. & M.

Toronto Citizens in Pittsburg Inspecting Electric Railways—They Desire to Make a Change From the Horse Car System—How Canadian Roads Are Managed—John Shaw, R. H. Graham, John Bailey, J. J. Wright, A. H. Clarke and W. P. Atkinson, Councilmen from Toronto, Canada, and John A. Egan, of the World, Rowland Woolsey, Telegram, and E. A. Hutchinson, of the News, are all at the Anderson.

The gentlemen are making a tour of the principal cities inspecting electric railways. Yesterday afternoon they were taken over the entire lines of the Pittsburg, Allegheny and Manchester Traction Company by Superintendent Greenwood. They were highly pleased with the road and pronounced it the best they had ever seen.

The Toronto street cars are being operated by horses, and it is the desire to change. The Canadians are not quite sure of just what they want. It is their desire to get something slightly, serviceable and not dangerous. They were surprised yesterday at the speed the cars could be run and at the ease with which they could be operated.

In Toronto, like most Canadian cities, the city practically controls the street car line, although it is owned by a private party. The fare and the speed the cars can be run at and has charge of numerous other regulations. The company pays to the city 12 per cent of its net earnings and pays the streets and keeps up the road.

TOO COOLD FOR TROUT FISHING.

The Speckled Beauties Have Days of Grace Until the Weather Is Warmer.

The trout fishing season opened Saturday and will continue until July 1. Two weeks ago when the weather was warm a number of small fishing parties were organized to start out on the river. The weather, however, continued cold and snags the trout for the present, and thanks to the weather the speckled beauties will have a few days of grace before the slaughter commences. Even the most ardent fishermen have no desire to wade mountain streams and camp out at night while the wintry blasts come from the north.

The trout fishers are greatly disappointed, and they hope the "blasted" weather won't last much longer. People who think that trout fishing will be successful this year. A number of streams will be opened this spring that were closed by the fish commissioners when they were stocked a few years ago. The fish have had a chance to grow, and it is thought that larger and more trout will be caught than ever before. A favorite resort for trout fishing is the Allegheny river, which flows into the mountains. An old fisher from Somerset claims when he was a boy he caught 300 trout in a hole just below the clubhouse built by the Conifers and Oakland road magnates. It is certainly a beautiful place in which to spend the summer.

A VERY ODD MANAGER.

A Monongahela City Opera House Owner Who Won't Go to See a Show.

Monongahela City boasts of a theatrical manager who has never seen a performance since he has been in the town. Once he went in to hear his little son recite at a school entertainment, and came out as soon as the boy had finished his piece. But this could hardly be called going to see a play. This man is not squeamish on the subject, for he has owned the Opera House for four years, and rents it out to theatrical companies. He sees that the gas is lit, and sells tickets for the shows in the box office. He attends to all these important details, and yet of 273 performances of picturesque pattern through the water channels or water thoroughfares. I understand three-fourths of the structural iron comes from Pittsburgh, and every building will be built to stay, no temporary affairs, to be pulled down like the Centennial after the exhibit closes. You would be surprised at the influx of people to Chicago, and it is a census were to be taken that the population would greatly exceed New York."

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DEPENS ON THE WEATHER.

Passenger Receipts Thrive Best When Winters Are Cold and Summers Hot.

The passenger men hope the cold weather will keep up until the children are in the school. They would rather have the winter now than to have it drop from the skies in mid-July, and spoil the popular excursion business. The increase in passenger receipts depends to a considerable extent on the weather. Since the weather has been so cold, the roads are bonanzas for the railroads. The cold drives people who can afford it to the South and California, and in a red-hot summer season they would manage to scrape up a few coppers together to spend a week in the mountains or at the seashore. But cool weather during July and August checks the trade and makes the passenger agents weary.

RAJAH WAS MAD.

The Big Elephant Smashed Yardmaster Russell in the Ribs With His Trunk.

Rajah, the big elephant from Rangoon, reached Pittsburg yesterday on his way to Kansas City. He was traveling in a box car, and evidently doesn't like his cramped quarters. The elephant has been giving his five keepers a great deal of trouble. Yardmaster Russell and his clerk, Mr. Patton, at Seventh street, poked their heads into the car to get a squint at Rajah. Mr. Russell got in the ribs for his trouble, and Mr. Patton's hat was smashed flatter than a pancake. The elephant used his trunk dexterously. At first it was reported Rajah had killed several men, but it was untrue.

FREIGHT RATES ALL RIGHT.

H. J. Heins Says He is Satisfied With the Present Scale.

H. J. Heins, of the Keystone Pickling and Preserving Works, disagrees with Heins Bros. & Co. in their views on freight rates which appeared in THE DISPATCH last Sunday. Yesterday he said: "We know of no freight discrimination against Pittsburg so far as the pickle industry is concerned. We are entirely satisfied with present rates both East and West. Of course, the coast cities get cheap freights by water, but with the rates we are now getting we are enabled to meet competition in that quarter. The classification of pickles at first and third class was changed recently."

HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL.

The Easter Opening of French Pattern Hats and Bonnets at O'Reilly's, 407 Market St.

One of the most successful Easter openings in the city was held at the above named store last Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. It was certainly the grand array of French pattern hats and bonnets every where met the appreciative eye of the many ladies who called. The tented and ranged stock fairly bristled with beautiful new designs of Paris' most famous milliners, as well as the latest productions of our own firm's own milliners. The morning millinery was particularly attractive. Every special feature of their business, and for which their reputation has long been established.

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A SAVING TO THE CITY.

Contractors Must Wait for Their Money Without Interest.

AN IMPORTANT COURT DECISION.

Content Renewed Over the Will of the Late Alex. H. Miller.

CHAFED BY THEIR MARRIAGE FEETTERS

Judge Stove yesterday handed down opinions in the cases of Booth & Flinn and Evan Jones against the City of Pittsburg, actions to determine the city's liability for interest on money due the contractors for work on streets, sewers, etc. The question in dispute was whether the contractors should receive interest from the date of the completion of the work, or from the time the city became liable to pay the amounts due or have suits brought.

In the case of Booth & Flinn Judge Stove decided against the contractors and in the other case he decided in favor of Jones, because interest had been provided for in the ordinance. The ruling in the Booth & Flinn case, however, it is stated, will apply to almost all the rest of the city's contracts, as the ordinance for the Thirty-third street sewer, constructed by Jones, was almost the only one which provided expressly for the payment of interest, on the balance due, from the completion of the work.

The opinion in the case of Booth & Flinn, which also gives the substance of the one in the case of Evan Jones, is as follows: A Distinction Between the Two Cases. There is a very marked distinction between this case and that of Evan Jones vs. the City, just decided, in which he was allowed to claim from the date of the completion of the work done by him in that case, viz: the Thirty-third street sewer. There the ordinance, which was the basis of the contract, provided that the contractor should be paid the balance due on this contract, to be awarded under the provisions of this ordinance, after the completion of the work upon property collected within two months after the completion of the work. Under said contract, it shall be applied to the payment of said balance with interest. The plain terms of the ordinance indicate that the interest was to be paid not from the time the city was bound to pay, but from the time the contractor was entitled to have his money, to-wit, the time the work was done. It cannot be intended to mean interest from the time only the city was liable to pay or be sued, because that would be the case in all cases, and further, because the ordinance pre-supposes the money will be paid to the contractor before the work is completed. It is not intended that the contractor should be paid in advance for the work done. But here the case is different. The ordinance in this case does not provide for the payment of interest to contractors, but authorizes the Council to provide for the payment of contractors for the cost and expense of constructing sewers, the grading and paving of streets, or the whole or in part, as the work progresses, and authorizes borrowing of sums not exceeding \$100,000 for the purpose of the work, and evidently the right to contract for payment of interest to the contractor is implied.

No Contract to Pay Interest. If the city would borrow money at interest it would seem to follow that arrangements could be made with contractors to defer payments on interest, but apart from this I think it clear that under the general authority of the act to provide for payment of contractors, a right to provide for payment of interest is implied. Here the Councils done so in this case. It is said that the act of 1887 provided for the collection of interest on assessments and bonds, but it would be implied that it should be paid to the contractors. The ordinance in this case provides that the contractor should be paid the balance due on this contract, to be awarded under the provisions of this ordinance, after the completion of the work upon property collected within two months after the completion of the work. Under said contract, it shall be applied to the payment of said balance with interest. The plain terms of the ordinance indicate that the interest was to be paid not from the time the city was bound to pay, but from the time the contractor was entitled to have his money, to-wit, the time the work was done. It cannot be intended to mean interest from the time only the city was liable to pay or be sued, because that would be the case in all cases, and further, because the ordinance pre-supposes the money will be paid to the contractor before the work is completed. It is not intended that the contractor should be paid in advance for the work done. But here the case is different. The ordinance in this case does not provide for the payment of interest to contractors, but authorizes the Council to provide for the payment of contractors for the cost and expense of constructing sewers, the grading and paving of streets, or the whole or in part, as the work progresses, and authorizes borrowing of sums not exceeding \$100,000 for the purpose of the work, and evidently the right to contract for payment of interest to the contractor is implied.

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Monday's Audit List.

Estate of John Flocker, Sarah Flocker, Fredericka Flocker, Henry Flinn, Theo. Smith, George D. Mason, William McDonald, George Hoeg, James Kintock, Frank Krome, M. F. Krome, Frank Krome, Harriet W. Pierce, J. T. Pierce, O. A. Barrett, Emma Barrett, Sebastian Bob, Christ Roessler, John Linday, John D. McCone, C. Wadsworth, Frances B. Torley, H. H. Phillips, R. J. Roney, Charles S. Carraway, J. M. Kottota, John D. Keating, Samuel Keating.

Monday's Trial List.

Common Pleas No. 1—Gourley vs Borough of Bradock, McMasters vs Negley, Boyle vs Blair et ux, Adams vs Seville, Bandit vs Taylor et al, Holmes vs Coleman, Whitey Brook vs Palmer, Bookner vs Booth & Flinn, Flinn vs Dorris, Cure vs Cure, Reitzel vs Horst.

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A DETECTIVE'S WOES.

Every Mail Brings Applications for a Place in His Bureau.

SOME ENTERTAINING LETTERS

Written by Those Who Would Emulate the Famous Old Sleuth.

WHY THEY WANT TO BE MAN HUNTERS

"The young man who sees in himself the skill, daring and peculiar qualifications to make a detective is a confirmed nuisance," the superintendent of a local detective agency said yesterday. "Look here," he went on, pointing to a heap of letters that covered his desk, "that's to-day's mail, and the bulk of those letters are from young men who want to go into our business. Many of these letters are rare specimens in their way, and all are self-written endorsements of the applicant's qualifications and fitness for the place he seeks.

"The ambition to become a detective is not confined to men alone. THE DISPATCH published an account of female spotters being employed to watch the conductors on our street railways. Since then our mail has been literally flooded with applications from women who want to go into the spotting business, and with nearly every application comes at least one case in which the applicant says she has seen conductors fail to ring up the number of fares collected.

Women With a Grievance. "All our women applicants seem to have a grievance, and with their application for a position they invariably file their routine, giving in their letter enough routine facts to fill a book. Here is a letter received from a woman who has adopted the editorial 'we' and the writer is evidently highly educated. It says: I would like to have a position in your office. I have been a street car conductor for some time and have often seen the street car conductors knock down the company's money. I know I could often catch them and I want to earn a respectable living. I am 19 years old, and have been married for some time. I have a railroad spotter, I am satisfied I would suit you.

The lady then signs her full name and street address. The chief detective went on as he fumbled over the stock of late mail. The letter produced was dated at Kansas City, Mo., and in the editorial 'we' and talks glibly in the plural. He says: We have had vast experience in all lines of detective work, and are thoroughly conversant with the topography of the country within a radius of 500 miles. Many cases have been solved by our agency. We have a staff of men whose names are not mentioned here, but whose names are well known to all who are acquainted with the work of a successful thief taker.

A Large Acquaintance With Crooks. We know and have had dealings with nearly all the crooks in Kansas City and all the crooks in the East. We are available to a detective. In regard to our physical strength, constant exercise in the gymnasium has given us the physique of a man of no mean order. We are a perfect giant in stature and strength. Our personal appearance is such as to attract attention, and we are equally at home in the police court as in the court of a great city. We are very apt and ready to do the work of a detective, and we have untold facilities for making a lightning change. We desire to see law and justice carried out in all cases.

The writer then signs his name with an anonymous signature, by which he asks to be addressed when